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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	121541-002
First Inventor	Thomas S. RICHTER
Title	LADDER RACK SYSTEM
Express Mail Label	EL697545565US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. [✓] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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   - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
   - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
   - Background of the Invention
   - Brief Summary of the Invention
   - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
   - Detailed Description
   - Claim(s)
   - Abstract of the Disclosure
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8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all necessary)*
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9. [✓] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. [ ] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)* [ ] Power of Attorney
11. [ ] English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. [✓] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [✓] Copies of IDS Citations
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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

	Extra Claims			Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	33 -20** =	13	X	9.00	= 117.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3** =	1	X	42.00	= 42.00
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non - English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for *ex parte* reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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